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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, KN, KS

SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA - NORTH KOREA RELATIONS

REF: MEXICO 10666

1. WITH RESPECT REFTEL, FORMER AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO PEKING FITZGERALD, WHO HAS JUST VISITED SEOUL FOR ACADEMICS' CONFERENCE, MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR THAT HE PLANS TO VISIT PYONGYANG. FITZGERALD WILL GO TO PEKING AFTER SEOUL STOP AND THE TRY TO ARRANGE PYONGYANG VISIT.

2. FITZGERALD SAID THAT HIS OBJECTIVE WAS TO ARRANGE FOR RESTORATION OF EMBASSIES IN CANBERRA AND PYONGYANG. WHILE NO LONGER IN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, FITZGERALD SAID THAT HE IS IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK AND HAS PEACOCK'S APPROVAL FOR THIS UNOFFICIAL MISSION.

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3. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR FROM BOTH REFTEL AND FITZGERALD'S MISSION TO PYONGYANG THAT GOA MAY BE MOVING AGAIN TO MORE EVENHANDED POLICY VIS-A-VIS NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA THAT CHARACTERIZED WHITLAM'S KOREA POLICY UNTIL EMBASSIES WITHDRAWN FROM CANBERRA AND PYONGYANG.  
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